Data Sheet

USAID Mission: Jamaica **Program Title:** Health Global Health Pillar: Strategic Objective: 532-011 Status: Continuing Planned FY 2006 Obligation: \$4,472,000 CSH **Prior Year Unobligated:** Proposed FY 2007 Obligation: \$2,810,000 CSH Year of Initial Obligation: 2004 **Estimated Year of Final Obligation:** 2009

Summary: USAID's health strategic objective (SO) focuses on promoting healthy lifestyle behaviors for Jamaican youth with a specific focus on risky behaviors such as early sexual activity, crime, violence, drug abuse and alcohol addiction. The program also focuses on HIV/AIDS prevention for those most at risk, especially youth.

USAID is in the process of developing a new strategy to be submitted in FY 2006 that will dramatically scale down and more tightly focus the overall program. The new strategy is expected to encompass some, but not necessarily all, of the activities delineated in this Data Sheet.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities: FY 2006 Program:

Address Other Health Vulnerabilities (\$2,987,000 CSH). USAID's program improves and expands access to quality youth friendly services through Ministry of Health public facilities, private medical services, and grassroots community based organizations (CBOs), nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), and faith based organizations (FBOs) that provide a mix of preventive, diagnostic, referral and treatment services. The program is developing a multi-level mass media campaign, including airing a serial drama, to disseminate information, increase awareness, and foster behavior change. Through small grants, USAID strengthens NGOs, CBOs and FBOs and other youth serving organizations to facilitate effective and sustainable implementation of adolescent healthy lifestyle activities. Principal grantee: University Research Company.

Reduce Transmission and Impact of HIV/AIDS (\$1,485,000 CSH). USAID continues to work with the Ministry of Health to develop and implement an effective nationwide monitoring and evaluation system for HIV. USAID assistance emphasizes improving the capacity of NGOs to deliver services at the community level and to at-risk populations. Efforts to develop an HIV/AIDS Business Coalition and antidiscrimination legislation will continue as a means of combating stigma and discrimination. Principal grantee: Ministry of Health.

FY 2007 Program:

Address Other Health Vulnerabilities (\$1,510,000 CSH). USAID's program will complement the Ministry of Health's efforts to strengthen compliance with standards in public health facilities and train health care service providers to improve their HIV/AIDS general communication and counseling skills. USAID will support a forum to discuss policy and advocacy issues with partners and stakeholders. USAID will also support mass media campaigns, organize song writing competitions, develop a counseling program for adolescents and train target groups using life skills, training modules and materials. Principal contractors and grantees: University Research Company

Reduce Transmission and Impact of HIV/AIDS (\$1,300,000 CSH). The primary focus of the

HIV/AIDS activity will be to expand and build sustainability of monitoring and evaluation data collection efforts to the NGO level for improved nation-wide surveillance among high risk groups. Local NGOs, FBOs and CBOs involved in HIV/AIDS treatment, care and support will also receive further assistance to foster organizational and programmatic sustainability. Through private sector and FBO involvement, USAID will work to ensure the adoption and enforcement of policies and laws that protect the rights of people living with HIV/AIDS. Same grantee as above.

Performance and Results: Limited activities have been implemented in FY 2005. In the aftermath of the devastation caused throughout the Caribbean region by Hurricane Ivan in September 2004, USAID focused much of its staff effort on designing, developing and implementing a 12 months, \$18 million hurricane recovery program. As a result, initiation of activities under this new SO was delayed. However, steps have been taken to develop a SO performance monitoring plan to facilitate speedy start-up early in the second quarter of FY 2006. The implementation contractor will be tasked with a rapid scale up of SO activities after the contract is awarded to ensure the SO gets back on track.

The Adolescent Healthy Lifestyle Project has mapped existing services for youth in the areas of reproductive health, violence prevention, and substance abuse prevention, and brought together the various partners, organizations and NGO service providers to coordinate national efforts to address the needs of young people in targeted topical areas. Through consultations and sharing of best practices, local partners now have a common vision, approach and implementation strategy for the project. Moreover, small grants provided to selected NGOs Island wide supported summer camps, after school programs and youth initiatives that focus on positive behavior change and promoting resiliency among adolescents in targeted communities.

By the end of the strategy period in FY 2009, risky health behaviors of targeted youth and other high-risk groups would have decreased significantly, and the program will have demonstrated how successful program activities can be scaled up and sustained. There will be: greater availability and use of public sector health care services that address the specific needs of young people and those at highest risk for HIV/AIDS infection; improved integration of reproductive health, HIV/AIDS, violence and substance abuse prevention services; and enhanced private sector and community involvement in developing appropriate strategies to reduce poor health outcomes. An effective monitoring and evaluation system will be in place at the Ministry of Health and at the NGO level, while an increased capacity will be demonstrated at all levels to effectively use the data generated for program and policy decision making. Moreover, HIV related stigma and discrimination will be decreased and persons living with HIV/AIDS will be integrated back into productive societal roles. Targeted HIV/AIDS related NGOs will be institutionally and programmatically sustainable.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Jamaica

532-011 Health	СЅН
Through September 30, 2004	
Obligations	1,133
Expenditures	0
Unliquidated	1,133
Fiscal Year 2005	
Obligations	4,506
Expenditures	1,159
Through September 30, 2005	
Obligations	5,639
Expenditures	1,159
Unliquidated	4,480
Prior Year Unobligated Funds	
Obligations	0
Planned Fiscal Year 2006 NOA	
Obligations	4,472
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2006	
Obligations	4,472
Proposed Fiscal Year 2007 NOA	
Obligations	2,810
Future Obligations	12,643
Est. Total Cost	25,564